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City Taking Applications for Summer Pool Jobs

With the first hint of spring visiting the area this week, the City of Broken Arrow is making the annual call for summer help at its swimming pools.

This year, the job opportunities will be greater than ever as the new Nienhuis Park Pool will open on Memorial Day weekend.

Applications are available on-line (www.brokenarrowok.gov) through a link from the home page to 'employment,' or at the city's Human Resources office across the street from City Hall.

The available positions include an aquatic supervisor for the activities of all three pools; an aquatic registration assistant; concession stand workers; lifeguards (must be over 16 and possess a current training certificate and a current CPR and First Aid certificate). There are also openings for swimming pool manager, swimming pool assistants, water safety head instructor and water safety instructors.

This summer, the swimming lessons will be given at both the FAC and the Nienhuis pool. Applications are accepted Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the City Hall Annex.

Storm Warning Siren Testing Begins March 5th

From our recent ice storms to a call for severe thunderstorms this weekend, the weather in Oklahoma is always unpredictable. To keep residents safe during the severe weather season, the city's emergency storm warning siren system will begin testing Monday, March 5th – weather permitting.

The testing of the 48 storm warning sirens is conducted on the first Monday of each month starting in March. The tests begin at noon and continue for about four minutes. If there is threatening weather in the area, the testing is postponed until the following Wednesday.

City personnel will be stationed throughout the community to monitor the sirens.

The warning sirens (which are also used in the event of flooding or other emergencies) are not designed to be heard inside homes or businesses. The sirens will provide a warning to people in their yards, at ball fields and parks and in their vehicles that a tornado has been confirmed in the immediate area.

Emergency officials warn to not be solely reliant on the siren system. Citizens are urged to have a weather radio in their home.

Tai Chi, Kung Fu Classes Start March 13th

Classes in both Tai Chi and Kung Fu will be available through the Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Department, starting March 13th at the Nienhuis Park Community Center.

Grandmaster Don Morrison is teaching the classes, which will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a total of 16 sessions. Tai Chi will be offered in the morning from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and is for those 18 years of age or older. It's a simple form of Tai Chi, easy to learn and will focus on stretching and easing stress. Cost is \$80 for one family member and \$50 for each additional family member.

Kung Fu classes will be taught from 6 to 7 p.m. and are for those 6 years old and up. This is an introduction to Kung Fu, self defense and exercise for the entire family. Uniforms are not required, but can be acquired during the sessions. Cost is \$80 for one family member and \$50 for each additional family member.

For more information, call the Nienhuis Park Community Center at 355-0287, or visit the center at 3201 N. 9th Street. On-line registration is available through the City's website – www.brokenarrowok.gov, with a link to on-line services on the lower left side of the Home Page.

Polar Plunges Raise \$34,000 for Special Olympics

The Broken Arrow Fire Department defeated the Tulsa Police Department in the Tug-of-War finals, but it was the Oklahoma Special Olympics which came out the big winner in the Feb. 17th Polar Plunge at Bass Pro in Broken Arrow.

The event was tops in the state with nearly \$15,000 raised. Plunges were also held at Bass Pro in Oklahoma City and at Arrowhead-Thunderbird Resort on the Illinois River in Tahlequah.

Thanks to all who braved the cold morning and even colder water!